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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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September 28, 2012

TO: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

FROM: Jerry E. Powers *J. Cotton for*
Chief Probation Officer

SUBJECT: **SPORTS CAMP STUDY (ITEM 11, AGENDA OF AUGUST 28, 2012)**

Background

On August 28, 2012, your Board adopted Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Ridley-Thomas' motion directing the Chief Probation Officer, with the assistance of the Chief Executive Officer, to commission a study to evaluate the merits of intermural sports activities as programming for incarcerated youth at Camp Kilpatrick and directed the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to fund the study. This report provides updated information on measures the Chief Probation Officer has taken since the motion.

Camp Kilpatrick, in the Malibu hills, is the only juvenile detention facility in California with a CIF-sanctioned intermural sports program. The Camp is scheduled to be torn down within a few months and completely rebuilt with the aid of State funds (SB 81). During the three-to-four-year construction period, Camp staff and wards will be dispersed to other Probation Department facilities, and the CIF program will be suspended. The Department has stated its intent to rejoin CIF at the conclusion of construction and continue the intermural sports program as before.

Probation is under ongoing U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) scrutiny of the facilities and programming it provides for its youth. The U.S. DOJ requires that the County offer "evidence-based integrated treatment programs." While such activities as group therapy sessions and mental health counseling have been proven through rigorous study to help the plight of these teenagers and reduce recidivism, intermural sports programs have not been similarly studied. There is no "evidence" to show that participation in team sports can play a positive, long-term role rehabilitating these youth.

Creation of a Research Consortium

A research consortium has been identified, including researchers from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), the University of Southern California (USC) and the California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA) to study the relationship between recidivism among former

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wards and the participation of those wards in intermural team sports while confined to a juvenile detention facility. A meeting has been scheduled for the first week of October 2012 to determine the scope, timeline and projected cost of the project.

The CEO has identified a potential funding source and is awaiting the outcome of the research consortium meeting in order to proceed.

Conclusion

In accordance with the August 28, 2012 Board action, a progress report will be provided to your Board within the next 60 days.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information, or your staff may contact Felicia Cotton, Deputy Chief, at (562) 940-2526.

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The previous timeline submitted to the Board on August 15, 2012 by the CEO indicated movement/relocation activities at Camp Vernon Kilpatrick, which included closure of the Camp and redistribution of the minors and staff throughout the Camp system, was scheduled to occur during the month of December 2012. Consequently, due to sequence and duration of State required tasks, the timeline will be reestablished; thereby Probation has extended relocation activities for an additional six (6) months, through June 2013. Therefore, all programming and activities at Camp Vernon Kilpatrick will remain in full force and effect for the remainder of the 2012-13 school year.

The County (CEO, Public Works and Probation) intends to send a formal request to the State for a meeting to review the SB-81 mandated requirements. This will allow the County to reestablish a realistic timeline and provide a comprehensive schedule of activities for the project.

Research Consortium

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The consortium developed and submitted a program evaluation proposal that included the proposed evaluation design, research methodology, and budget estimates. The Probation Department is currently developing the scope of work (SOW) which will be included in the CEO's Delegated Authority Agreement (DAA). Once the SOW is completed, it is estimated that the DAA will be executed within the next sixty (60) days.

One-time funding for the Sports Camp Study was authorized by the CEO during Supplemental Changes, not to exceed \$150,000.

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